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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3 and 5-12 as follows:

3. (Amended) A hydrogen storage material as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the intermetallic compound comprises a scandium-magnesium alloy.

- 5. (Amended) A hydrogen storage material as claimed in claim 3,
- 2 characterized in that the scandium-magnesium alloy comprises 15-40
- 3 at.% scandium and 60-85 at.% magnesium.

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- 1 6. (Amended) A hydrogen storage material as claimed in claim 3,
- characterized in that the scandium-magnesium alloy comprises 30-40
- 3 at.% scandium and 60-70 at.% magnesium.
- 1 7. (Amended) A hydrogen storage material as claimed in claim 1,
- 2 characterized in that the scandium-magnesium alloy comprises
- 3 $Sc_{0.35}Mg_{0.65}H_{x}$.